

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2017

S

1

SENATE BILL 363

Short Title: Machinery Act Update. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tarte, Tucker, and McKissick (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 23, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY APPEALS OF PROPERTY TAX VALUATIONS WHERE THE
3 APPEAL INVOLVES CERTAIN APPRAISALS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-322(g)(2) reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 105-322. County board of equalization and review.**

7 ...
8 (g) Powers and Duties. – The board of equalization and review has the following
9 powers and duties:

10 ...
11 (2) Duty to Hear Taxpayer Appeals. – On request, the board of equalization and
12 review shall hear any taxpayer who owns or controls property taxable in the
13 county with respect to the listing or appraisal of the taxpayer's property or
14 the property of others.

15 ...
16 c. At a hearing under provisions of this subdivision (g)(2), the board, in
17 addition to the powers it may exercise under the provisions of
18 subdivision (g)(3), below, shall hear any evidence offered by the
19 appellant, the assessor, and other county officials that is pertinent to
20 the decision of the appeal. If the evidence presented by the appellant
21 includes an appraisal by a certified general real estate appraiser, as
22 defined in G.S. 93E-1-4, the board shall modify the appraisal
23 appealed to the value provided in the appraisal and ensure the
24 appraisal is included in the record in any subsequent appeal. Upon
25 the request of an appellant, the board shall subpoena witnesses or
26 documents if there is a reasonable basis for believing that the
27 witnesses have or the documents contain information pertinent to the
28 decision of the appeal.

29"
30 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 105-290 reads as rewritten:

31 "**§ 105-290. Appeals to Property Tax Commission.**

32 (a) Duty to Hear Appeals. – In its capacity as the State board of equalization and
33 review, the Property Tax Commission shall hear and adjudicate appeals from boards of county
34 commissioners and from county boards of equalization and review as provided in this section.

35 (b) Appeals from Appraisal and Listing Decisions. – The Property Tax Commission
36 shall hear and decide appeals from decisions concerning the listing, appraisal, or assessment of



1 property made by county boards of equalization and review and boards of county
 2 commissioners. Any property owner of the county may except to an order of the county board
 3 of equalization and review or the board of county commissioners concerning the listing,
 4 appraisal, or assessment of property and appeal the order to the Property Tax Commission. If a
 5 county has an exception to an order of the county board of equalization and review or the board
 6 of county commissioners due to the submission and acceptance of an appraisal performed by a
 7 certified general real estate appraiser by an appellant pursuant to G.S. 105-322(g)(2)c., the
 8 county, in support of the exception, must provide (i) an appraisal by the county's appraiser and
 9 (ii) an appraisal by another certified general real estate appraiser mutually chosen by the
 10 county's appraiser and the appellant's appraiser.

11 ...

12 (3) On the basis of the findings of fact and conclusions of law made after any
 13 hearing provided for by this subsection (b), the Property Tax Commission
 14 shall enter an order (incorporating the findings and conclusions) reducing,
 15 increasing, or confirming the valuation or valuations appealed or listing or
 16 removing from the tax lists the property whose listing has been appealed. If a
 17 county has an exception to an order of the county board of equalization and
 18 review or the board of county commissioners, the Property Tax Commission
 19 shall modify the appraisal appealed to the average value provided in the
 20 appraisals required to be provided to the Commission. A certified copy of
 21 the order shall be delivered to the appellant and to the clerk of the board of
 22 commissioners of the county from which the appeal was taken, and the
 23 abstracts and tax records of the county shall be corrected to reflect the
 24 Commission's order.

25"

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to appeals to
 27 boards of equalization and review commenced on or after that date.